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COMMENT.

California voted at the November election, nine to one in favor of electing U. S. Senators by the people.

Vermont is the only State in the Union which increased its Republican majority at the late election.

The Iowa Democrats are already organizing for the next battle. They are the sort of fighters who never know when they are whipped, because they never are.

The project is seriously discussed of closing our sea ports to steerage travel as the most effective means of keeping out cholera, during its prevalence in Europe.

T. B. Catron went down to Washington two or three weeks ago to get the statehood bill passed. He returned last week but did not bring statehood with him.

The St. Louis Republic is making a campaign for the election of postmasters by the people. Its position is sound and its logic good. Let us have popular government, from the top to the bottom.

The Legislature having repealed that portion of the school law requiring poll taxes to be paid sixty days before election, as a qualification to vote, that requirement will not apply at the election to be held next Monday.

The Socorro Chieftain insists that the HEADLIGHT is dishonest and hypocritical in its treatment of the silver question. The Chieftain is like the blind man who persisted that the sun was not risen because he was unable to see it.

With a capital stock of \$2,000,000 the Wall Paper Trust is contemplating an increase to \$38,000,000. The Republic moralizes that it is a pity that some people do not put their feet in to any trough they have got their snouts in.

The Wyoming and Montana Legislatures are at last safely Democratic and will elect Democratic Senators to succeed Republican incumbents, notwithstanding the resort to force and fraud attempted by the Republicans to steal Republican majorities and Republican Senators.

Governor Foster, of Louisiana, has appointed Hon. Donaldson Caffrey United States Senator to succeed Randall L. Gibson, deceased. As the Legislature does not meet for 18 months, Caffrey will hold the Senatorship at least for that time, and he will probably be elected by the General Assembly for the full term.

The Legislature should provide for the publication of every law it enacts, in at least one paper in every county, immediately upon its passage. The people ought not to be held accountable to any law the Legislature may enact till they have had an opportunity to read it. It may be many weeks before they can do so, otherwise.

The New York Times complains that there will be no improvement in financial affairs until the silver question is settled. The Times seems not to be aware that the need of improvement in financial affairs comes of the Republican folly of demonetizing one half the money metals of the country, or that the remedy for that condition of non-improvement is to repeal bodily all the legislation that has been had on the subject in the last twenty years. That is the most effectual method of settling the silver question and establishing the needed improvement.

The republican majority in the council elected a man as president of that high body who is now under a cloud of defalcation. Can New Mexico expect statehood after this?—(Socorro Adv.)

That little scheme for the revision of the Territorial laws should be killed. The cost would be considerable and no pressing necessity for action at this time can be given. Put it off until we come in as a state, when we can embody the new constitution and start from a well defined mile post.—(Alb. Times.)

A WAY OUT FOR THE STATEHOOD BILL.

For now many weeks, a somewhat sharp and not unprofitable discussion has been going on in the New Mexico press, and to a degree the press of the country, of the proposed Senate amendment to the New Mexico Enabling Act prohibiting the teaching of the Spanish language in the public schools.

Superficially, the proposition commends itself to the judgment of many who really desire to see New Mexico thoroughly Americanized but do not comprehend the difficulties that lie in the way of that most commendable object. There are few if any in New Mexico who are not in sympathy with that ultimate end, and there are also few who do not comprehend the fact that to insert such a provision in the pending or any other Enabling Act, would indefinitely postpone admission as an "American" or any other kind of a state, for it would assuredly be voted down.

The Spanish speaking people are so largely in the majority that, although some of the more intelligent and educated would be willing to accept it for the purpose of ending the territorial condition, the great mass would vote solidly against it. Then, again, the injustice of it would induce indifference on the part of many others, even of the English speaking race, and many votes for statehood would thus be lost on that side.

The injustice of this requirement lies largely in the fact that though the people of New Mexico have been technically citizens of the United States for now more than forty years, no provision whatever has been made by the government for the education of these people in the language, ideas, habits, or institutions of the country at large. To force them now, suddenly and without notice, to adopt the language, habits and customs that have been so long forbidden to be foreign to them, would be in effect to deny them the common rights of that citizenship which was guaranteed them on their incorporation into the body of the country.

A conspicuous fact of conditions here is, that, situated on the border of Old Mexico, there is and must always be, in all ways, a more or less constant and active intercourse between the two countries. A knowledge of the Spanish language therefore becomes in a large sense necessary, especially to those engaged in any sort of international intercourse, of business or otherwise. Successful international business intercourse requires it.

Under these conditions there is still less propriety in the teaching of the Spanish language in the public schools of New Mexico than in the teaching of German and the north-of-Europe languages in those of the states of the northwest, and especially less improper, if there is any impropriety in either, than the teaching of Latin or Greek in the public schools of the eastern states.

Under Mr. Joseph's bill as it now stands, the teaching of Spanish is simply permitted, while the teaching of the language of the country is commanded, and in such a way that the general teaching of that language as the basis of instruction in the public schools must be enforced.

To exclude Spanish from the schools would, in large sections of the Territory preclude the possibility of teaching English, and therefore quite preclude the maintenance of any public schools at all, for the reason that in many districts there are no persons educated in or able to speak or understand the English language. The children of such localities must be taught English through the medium of the Spanish language, and the better they are able to speak the Spanish the more readily and correctly will they learn to speak the English language.

There is one thing, however, that the Congress may do, require that the new state shall fix a date in the reasonably near future, when the use of any but the English language shall be prohibited in its courts, and that after that date all laws, ordinances and official documents of every character shall be in the English language only. That plan was successfully tried in California, and it would be a successful here.

That would be one and fair notice to all, if any such were needed, that the English and not the Spanish, would at a fixed date become the official language of the country, and still more forcibly stimulate all to learn and adopt that language at the earliest possible date and in the fullest degree.

It would be a ready, simple and effective way out of a serious dilemma in which the statehood movement seems now to be cast.

WOMEN AND THE BALLOT.

There is a great deal of philosophy, of logic, and of political wisdom in the following dozen lines of editorial in a late number of the Albuquerque Times:

With every meeting of Congress there holds up some petition from the National Woman's Suffrage Association asking for recognition, and it is always put away in pink-scented cotton in a cedar chest which the "Select Committee on Woman Suffrage" has for such memoranda. And in the meantime women of brains and energy and dignity are going quietly about their business in life, and by their efficiency and thoroughness are opening the ballot box to their sex as millions of petitions can never do.

The last fifty years have seen wonderful strides not only in the improvement of the general condition of women and their relation to society, and but also to public affairs and public economies. Fifty years ago it was considered almost disreputable for a woman, especially an unmarried woman, to earn her living by any business vocation. A widow, by a sort of common consent, could without sacrificing her respectability, teach school, or make dresses, but not men's clothing. But practically every other avenue of employment except domestic servitude was closed. An unmarried woman could not do even these things and retain her respectability.

But the world has grown since then, and it is questionable whether that improvement has been especially promoted by the "Woman's Rights" or "Woman Suffrage" associations, or any of the similar professional organizations for the "disfranchisement" of women. It has, however, and manifestly, come, not by vociferous bluster and assertion of what is called "woman's rights," nor by the holding of conventions and the passage of resolutions. These things may have helped, but the potent force that brought about this revolution, for it is a revolution, is the quiet, positive, but an assertive force of example set by those noble, womanly "women of brains and energy and dignity," as the Times truthfully and fittingly describes them.

Not only is the sphere and opportunity of women for good enlarged, and her power for the accomplishment of beneficent results immensely magnified, but she has used that power wisely and well, and the world is vastly better, and growing better day by day, for her work. And we deem it not inappropriate or out of place to say here, that the "womanly woman of brains and energy and dignity" who shares in the labor and the successes incident to the paper from which the above extract is taken, is a conspicuous type of the class of women to whom the world is indebted for the peaceful and beneficent, but potent revolution that the last half century has wrought. The ballot will eventually come to women as a logical, not a forced sequence of what has already been so quietly and effectually achieved. And why not?

MR. FORRESTER'S DEPARTURE.

The early morning train for the south, leaving this city yesterday, carried among its passengers, Mr. Henry Forrester, late pastor of St. John's parish in this city. Mr. Forrester leaves Albuquerque in obedience to a call from Old Mexico, through the presiding bishop of the Episcopal church in that country. A letter received last day or two before Mr. Forrester's departure, and from the same source, is one of congratulation and expresses great satisfaction in having secured the services of the reverend gentleman to carry out the work left off for him in his new field of labor. Mr. Forrester will have charge of three Episcopal congregations in Old Mexico, with headquarters in the city of Mexico. The scope of work is quite large and will require considerable travel, which will be of great benefit to Mr. Forrester. In the course of two months the gentleman will return to Albuquerque in order to arrange for the transfer of his family to the city of Mexico.

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After, As Before.

On the day of election, the Denver Times had a very sensible editorial on the condition of the country after the election should be over. It said:

No matter what the result of the day's elections in Colorado and throughout the nation may be, the sun will shine just as brightly, to-morrow, and the dark clouds will lower in just as threatening a manner in different sections of the land as they did yesterday or last week.

It will only be a very short time before the farmer, the miner, the merchant, the manufacturer, the banker, the professional man, the clerk and the laborer will return to their routine duties to ponder over the mistakes and achievements of the campaign, and to wonder how the politicians latched them to such deep interest in the time-worn details of the same old story.

General business will soon resume its usual course, and the heat of the battle will gradually die out. The sober second thought of many people will tell them that they went too far in their enthusiasm for special candidates or theories, and that the final decision of the masses of the people was pretty close to right after all.

The least burnings of the defeated ones and their particular satellites may last forever, but time has the power to consume even political animosities. The work-a-day world will soon return to its accustomed habits of usefulness, and ordinary successes and disappointments of life will succeed each other with about the same frequency that they have in the years gone by.

But the United States, as a nation, will continue to march steadily on towards the first place among the prosperous nations of the earth and Colorado will proceed on her quiet but sure way towards the same goal among the prosperous commonwealths of this great country.

Politics, like a horse race, occupy all our attention for the time being, but we shall discover next week that there are other things to live for, and that we once more strive to grasp them. Upon the energy, intelligence and ability which attend our efforts will chiefly depend the future prosperity of Colorado. This day's voting will not settle everything.

Farmer and fruit growers are beginning to realize that the man who takes up a forty-acre tract of land and cultivates it thoroughly is the coming successful farmer. Forty acres of land in an irrigated country, carefully and systematically worked, will prove more profitable than one hundred and sixty acres of land cultivated in a careless and negligent manner. It isn't always the case, here in New Mexico, that the largest returns are made by the man who owns the largest number of acres. Quality and quantity, of course, are the best that will grow the man who farms or grows fruit in the Pecos Valley.—(Eddy Citizen.)

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